

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – New Castle

New Castle, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that took place last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:11 p.m., Friday, November 16, 2018, on southbound (U.S. 13) DuPont Parkway in the area of Jefferson Avenue, New Castle, Delaware.

A 1992 Dodge Dakota was traveling southbound on (U.S. 13) DuPont Parkway in the left lane in the area of Jefferson Avenue. A pedestrian was in the grass median attempting to cross the southbound lanes of (U.S. 13) from the east side of the roadway to the west side. The pedestrian crossed directly into the path of the Dodge Dakota. The driver attempted to swerve left to avoid the collision but was unable to miss the pedestrian. As a result the front right of the Dakota collided with the pedestrian. The Dodge Dakota came to a controlled stop on Stahl Avenue near the collision scene.

The pedestrian, a 39 year-old Newark woman, succumbed to her injuries prior to being transported to the Wilmington Hospital. The investigation determined that she was wearing dark clothing and not wearing any reflective clothing or carrying a flashlight. She was not at a marked crosswalk. Impairment on her behalf is unknown at this time. Identification is pending the notification of next of kin.

The driver, 42 year-old man of Newark, was properly restrained and not injured in the collision. There is no impairment on the part of the driver.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. The road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately two hours while the crash

was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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